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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to an Office Action in regards to the above listed application. The Office action is noted as mailed on May 9, 2003. The three month, shortened statutory response period for this response, expired August 9, 2003. Therefore, as requested concurrently herewith per 37 CFR §1.136(a), the Applicants, now Appellants, petition for a two month extension of the response period to October 9, 2003. This response is timely filed within the properly extended statutory period, via U.S. Express Mail on Thursday, October 9, 2003, per 37 CFR §§1.7 and 1.10, with the proper extension fee included herewith. No additional fees are required with this response.